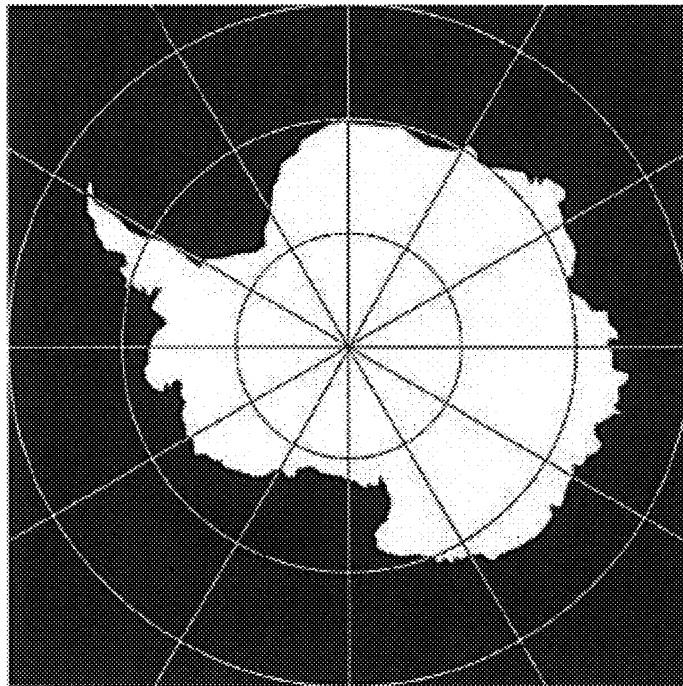


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This Handbook reproduces material with respect to the Antarctic Treaty system, including the Antarctic Treaty itself, the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and measures [recommendations] in furtherance of the principles and objectives of the Treaty. Also included is the text of, and information on, the Convention for the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities, which has not been ratified by any state.

There is a list of Recommendations, Measures, Decisions and Resolutions adopted at successive Consultative Meetings in the introductory section, which also gives the month, year and place of each meeting.

A consolidated table showing which of the Recommendations have become effective in accordance with Article IX(4) of the Treaty is also found in the introductory section.

This edition of the Handbook has been rearranged in an effort to simplify the Handbook. Sections include short introductory notes that do not necessarily represent the views of the Consultative Parties to the Antarctic Treaty.

It is hoped that this Handbook will be of help both to those familiar with the Antarctic Treaty System and to newcomers who want to learn about Antarctica and the System.

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